

News & Views

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Bi-Divisional ASI Convention

Hangzhou, China hosted the eighth bi-divisional ASI Convention, August 17-22. Delegates from both Northern Asia-Pacific Division and Southern Asia-Pacific Division met in Hangzhou to hear reports, elect new officers, be inspired and



meet friends. The meeting was a success on all points. Inspiring reports on how God is blessing his work through the efforts of business men and women brought forth loud amen's and at times applause.



Early morning devotions were presented by Doug Batchlor, Amazing Facts speaker. He focused on answering the Convention theme, "How Can We Survive in the 21st Century?" Eden Hospital personnel led those interested in stretching exercises in the hotel parking lot.

was "So Send I You." NSD's Golden Angels singing group gave special music at the various meetings. In addition they gave an hour long concert to welcome the Sabbath on Friday evening.

Randolph Moeller, NSD past ASI President, gave the keynote address. The theme song through out the week

Special welcome to Hangzhou to the ASI members was given by Xiang Lulu. Included in her welcome was an invitation to the ASI members to consider doing business in her city.

Two reports were of special interest to the NSD delegates. Mr. Oh Soo Jong, Chairman of the Korean Chamber of Commerce, gave a report of how God has blessed his businesses. The report from Han Nam Yong, Consultant to the Beijing Government for Organic Farming, inspired the delegates with his report of how God opened the doors for him to share with the government leaders the principles of good stewardship of the resources and individual health. However, the part of his report that stimulated the most interest was his own devotional project. Mr. Han spends two hours between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. every morning hand writing the Bible. And again in the evening he spends another two hours between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. In previous years it has taken him between 10 and 12 months to accomplish the



task and several notebooks. This year he has set himself a goal of accomplishing the task in eight months using only one notebook. As a child he learned to write with very small characters so it looks like he will meet his goal on time. When government officials introduce Mr. Han they always mention that he is a committed Christian.



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Larry Flemming, International Restaurant Owner, shared how God had led him to open vegetarian restaurants around the world. The miracles that God preformed for him to be a success inspired the delegates to trust our Lord's leading.



Song Jong Hyun, newly elected President of ASI for NSD

David Gates, pastor, aviator and missionary, not only inspired the delegates with the way God has led him in his work, but challenged those present to lay all on the line and go all out trusting God to provide for their work He has called them to do. Pastor Gates shared how God had provided, sometimes at the last moment, and other times in the strangest ways, for the work he had been led to undertake. His stories of how he had been led to trust God's leading encouraged the delegates to also make a commitment to trust our God as we give our all to him.

According to Sung Gui Mo, NSD ASI Coordinator, the special offering for the work in China, taken during the Sabbath worship hour, amounted to about \$2,000. About 130 participants were present.



As the Sabbath was closing, Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division President, lead the delegates in a commitment ceremony. Those present responded with an enthusiastic recommitment of their lives to their Lord and Master. This

commitment focused on using everything one possesses and everything they are in ministry to those who do not know that Jesus is coming soon.



Saturday night the delegates were joined by members from area churches for presentation of various cultural events. The Korean ladies presented the very colorful Fan Dance to an enthusiastic group. Local young people presented a modern drama interpretation of the Good Samaritan parable.

ADRA Mongolia

In a beautiful peaceful secluded valley about an hour north of Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia, is the site of the ADRA Live and Learn Camp. This camp for troubled young people is loosely based on the Outward Bound program. During my visit I was excited to see the team work the young people had developed in just a few days. It was obvious that they were also having lots of fun. We were told that when they first arrived at the camp they

would hardly speak to one another. However, now not only were they talking, laughing and having a good time, but they were sharing their feelings.



The valley where the camp is situated is surrounded on three sides by mountains. Among these mountains the young people will show the skills they have developed during their three day hike. There is also a rock outcropping where they can practice rappelling and rock climbing. Hidden in the trees at strategic spots out from the camp, different activities take place. I watched as they demonstrated how working together they could go a long way on a pair of suspended wires that got further apart as they went along. The spotless kitchen ger, provided nourishing meals for the hungry campers. This also helped to set the tone of the camp.



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Changes at NSD

Since our last News & Views there have been some significant changes within the Northern Asia-Pacific Division office. Masaji and Nobuko Uyeda have retired and returned to their home in Southern California. John and Denise McGhee also have returned home to live in Washington state.

At General Conference time all positions are re-evaluated, which brought about some changes at Northern Asia-Pacific Division as well. You will find below the new structure for our division.

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Children's Sabbath School, Camp Meeting, Mongolia



Adventist Nurses Web

Adventist nurses now have a web site that gives them information on nursing practice, patient and staff education, Christian job opportunities, career tips, Adventist nursing history, stories, humor, mission opportunities, forum and more. You may access the web site at: www.adventistnursingconnection.org

Literature Evangelism

Opened for Korean in Japan

Twenty Korean literature evangelist leaders explored an unprecedented challenge for spreading the Gospel to Korean/Japanese living in Japan, May 27-June 5.

During their special trip, in cooperation with 20 Japanese literature evangelists, Adventist magazines and books which were published in the Korean language were distributed to many Korean people living in Japan. This group was led by Pastor Um, Gil Soo, director of the Korean Union Conference Publishing Ministries department and included 18 publishing leaders from local conferences and two from local churches.

Tokyo Korean Church Pastor Sung, Sun Jei provided lodging for the 20 visitors to help accomplish their 10 day mission. The Mission was finished with the help of the Japanese literature evangelists including Pastor Yoshikatsu Nakamura, Publishing Ministries Director of the Japan Union Conference, and Pastor Tadaomi Shinmyo who is a former Publishing Ministries Director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and currently Pioneer Mission Movement coordinator for the Japan Union Conference.

Japanese and Korean teams were mixed and organized thirteen to fourteen groups every day to reach Korean businesses and residents, business shops, offices, and house to house visitation in the Tokyo area. In spite of different cultures and language, the cooperative evangelism resulted in 17-million Won in total sales and four precious souls accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"Some people subscribed to Adventist monthly magazines such as 'Signs Of The Times' or 'Home and Health' and they will receive the magazine beginning July of this year," said Pastor Um. "In commemoration of the 100-year history of the Korean Adventist Church, we could open a new field of the literature evangelism for Korean people in Japan which has been a kind of 'barren land of the Gospel.'"

Pastor Nakamura said, "The Korean Literature Evangelism leaders were evangelism-centered during this trip and they made a good accomplishment... Their methods of the literature evangelism are different from those used by Japanese, but we got a lot of impact from them everyday."



Camp Meeting In Mongolia

Erdinet Mining Company's camp out side of Erdinet, Mongolia was the site of the 2005 Mongolian Mission Field Camp Meeting, August 3-7, 2005. As with camp meetings around the world, friends rejoiced to see friends they may not have seen since the last camp meeting time. For some it was really camping. During the planning for this camp meeting church leaders determined that about 200 members would attend. However, the final count of members and friends indicated that 267 people, mostly young, attended this year's meetings. This was a challenge for the camp staff. The area that was rented did not have that many beds. So some people shared beds. The dining facilities were also challenged to meet the needs of this large group. Camp staff met the challenge with good graces. Well prepared vegetarian meals were prepared for the 85 people who chose a vegetarian lifestyle.



Pastor Malcom Potts, from the South Queensland Conference in Australia was the guest speaker. He presented the gospel from the perspective of what the archeologist's have found to support the Biblical message. His presentation included beautiful pictures that illustrated his message.



Morning and afternoon seminars were presented by various people. Pastor Dale Tunnell, MMF director, lead his group, where there was standing room only, through the formation and history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pioneer Mission Movement Pastor Parks used an illustrated chart to help his group to visualize and understand the work of Jesus in the sanctuary. He included a quiz with prizes as an inducement to listen carefully. Even the children had their workshop. The earliten group enjoyed hands on Pathfinder activities. The very young had Vacation Bible School type activities.

Throughout the camp meeting the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's Golden Angels singing group shared God's love through their music. Pastor Joshua Shin, NSD Youth Director and Music Director, also had a seminar assisted by the Golden Angels. His group presented the results of their workshop the last evening of Camp Meeting by sharing with those present two songs they had practiced. The Golden Angels also lead out in the morning exercise period.



The highlight of camp meeting was Sabbath afternoon with the baptism of 17 precious souls. Pastor Tunnell invited the person who was instrumental in bringing the person being baptized to come into the water with him. One of the young men who is leading a church group had the joy of being in the water with his sister as she

committed her life to Jesus.

Sunday as the group were preparing to board the buses there were many pictures taken with friends and hugs shared all around. Camp Meeting 2005 will be remembered by all who attended.



Seminar in nature

The First NSD GRI Field Conference

July 10-20 the Northern Asia-Pacific Division GRI (Geoscience Research Institute) held its first field conference and seminar in the United States.

It is the fourth GRI Exploration Trip since the General Conference GRI launched the field exploration in 1994, and the first one since the NSD GRI was established in 2004. During 11 days of the trip, 43 people had an opportunity to enlarge their understanding about God's creation through exploring some evidences of Noah's Flood at many places including 'Grand Canyon' in Arizona, 'Zion Canyon' in Utah, and 'Bryce Canyon.' The seminars provided by five lecturers, NSD GRI director Dr. Choi, Chong Geol, Dr. Lee, Kyu Bong, and Pastor Kim, Sun Ho, Pastor Tetsuya Yamamoto, and Pastor Kim, Myung Ho, were helpful for the participants.



Southwest Korean Conference
ADRA team giving hope to
another Mongolian family by
building them a block house.



ADRA Mongolia Director
Llewellyn Juby admires the hard
work.



Clearly identified by their
bright yellow vest, they worked
very hard in the very hot sun.
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North Korea: ADRA Opens Bakery/Café in Pyongyang

A European-style café, called Pyolmuri Café, had its debut June 21, 2005 in the center of Pyongyang in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The Pyolmuri Café, started by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), is operating as a Swiss-style bakery shop and Western restaurant, offering 22 bread and bakery products and 35 Western dishes. The restaurant can serve more than 30 customers at a time and includes two private rooms.

The project is linked to ADRA's bakery in North Korea, which produces more than 11,000 pounds (or five metric tons) of bread rolls and nutritionally-enriched biscuits each day for two school feeding projects. The projects are in collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP) and German Agro Action (GAA), a humanitarian aid agency. Profits from the restaurant and café will subsidize the bakery's costs.

The project, valued at U.S. \$80,000, was financed partially by MIGROS, a Swiss retail company, and ADRA Switzerland, with support from the DPRK government.

More than 80 people attended the café's opening ceremony, including DPRK government representatives and guests from the United Nations, several foreign embassies, and local non-government organizations.



July 19, 2005 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States [ADRA/ANN Staff]

ADRA Receives High Credit for Japanese Nepal Project

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Japan received 3.4 Million Yen (31,100 USD) 'International Voluntary Aid' funds from 'Japan Post' for helping children in Nepal who have cleft lip and palate (CLP).

June 24, ADRA Japan board chairperson Takashi Shirai-shi was invited by the president of 'Kasumigaseki 'Japan Post' to receive the aid funding. ADRA Japan was greeted and received the funding along with 53 other International Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs).

'Japan Post' operates the 'Postal Savings for the International Voluntary Aid.' Customers can choose to donate a fixed percentage of the after-tax interest accrued on Ordinary Savings to a wide range of aid projects to improve people's living conditions around the world. Interest donated is distributed to NGOs.



This is the 11th time that ADRA Japan has

supported the Nepal CLP project. According to the ADRA Japan Director Mitsuo Ishii, since 1995 ADRA Japan has helped operate on more than 480 children in Nepal who have cleft lip and palate. Tokyo Adventist Hospital originally started the CLP program with the further cooperation of three other hospitals.

A survey by ADRA shows most of the CLP patients have experienced teasing and disadvantages in schooling, marriage, and employment. Some children are bullied in their families and run away from home. These operations give great hope to the children in Nepal.

Currently ADRA Japan has projects along with the CLP program for educating Nepalese medical students, investing about 14 million Yen donated from organizations, businesses, and individuals, including 3.4 million Yen of the 'International Volunteer Aid.' It has been reported that the 3.4 million Yen to ADRA Japan is the third largest project among the 53 NGOs who receive the 'International Voluntary Aid' from the 'Japan Post.'

Last year, the Nepalese Health Department Minister and Ambassador to Japan visited ADRA congratulating them for their successful CLP program. Through ADRA Japan's ongoing-humanitarian ministries, it has been given high credits and trusted by the Nepalese government as well as the Japanese government and public.

Hong Kong-Macao 2005 Youth Congress

One hundred sixty Chinese young people gathered at the Hong Kong Adventist College, June 30-July 3, 2005. Under a theme, 'Commitment' the Hong Kong-Macao Conference held the '2005 Youth Congress' for the young people who are between 16 to 30 years old. Among the participants there were high school and college students, as well as working young adults. About 20 percent of them were non-Adventists.

They enjoyed meaningful topics such as 'How to find their life companion,' 'How To Know Your Spiritual Gifts,' 'Issues After Marriage,' 'Religious Issues Of College Students,' 'Health Message,' 'Christian Values At Work,' and 'Christian Interpersonal Skills.' During the congress, presentations were made by Pastor Samuel Jiao, a field director for the Chinese Union Mission, and Alphon (Chun Kit) Fung, youth director for the Hong Kong-Macao Conference.

"Many participants decided to commit themselves to the Lord and His Church. Five young people became interested in the Bible Studies offered. Some of the attendees hesitated in joining these meetings but afterwards they said that they would lose themselves if they had not come," said Pastor Fung.



Evangelism in Mongolia

Ulaan Baataar, Mongolia -- flyers were distributed, passers-by were invited, announcements were aired on the radio, 1 minute advertisements flashed on TV screens, 12 disciples making project by church members ---these were the preparations for the week long Seventh Trumpet Church evangelistic meeting that started on August 8. Golden Angels opened the evangelistic meeting with a powerful concert. The seminar was held at a rented auditorium and an average of 180 people gathered and participated in the programs. The attendees and the number of Bible interests



gradually increased each night and the total Bible study interests was around 250. Pastor Joshua Shin, NSD Youth Ministries Department Director, delivered the powerful messages with emphasis on creation, incarnation, mission, vision, and salvation in Jesus Christ.

Meanwhile, the Golden Angels visited homes, prayed for the sick, helped in the distribution of the tracts, sang songs to random people they met on the streets and invited many to attend the meetings. Mini concerts were offered as appetizers to prepare the hearts of the people

for the main spiritual meal - the sermons. At the beginning of the week, a request to perform concerts in a public place was given to the police station. Upon arrival of the permit, a concert on Sabbath afternoon was scheduled. On that day, dark clouds loomed overhead and strong winds blew the dust off



the ground.

However, with insurmountable

faith, earnest prayers and grim determination, the Golden Angels pursued the concert. The rain fell but it never washed away the blended voices of the singing missionaries. They continued to express God's love amidst all the noise. The people stayed and listened intently as though engulfed in an invisible embrace of God.



The Golden Angels held their last concert at Ulaan Baataar SDA Church on the 14th day of August, just 5 hours prior to their departure. The church was

fully occupied by neighbors and church members. Many young people decided to be sincere missionaries like Golden Angels.

Prior to the evangelistic meeting was the MMF Camp Meeting that was held in a beautiful place. Around 270 church members from all over the country gathered to fellowship with friends. Excited people took a 12-hour train ride, where it was possible for one to appreciate the beauty of Mongolia and the creativity of God - vast grasslands, grazing cattle, blue sky and fluffy clouds, happy people and the tent houses called 'ger'. The participants enjoyed the seminars being offered at the camp.



The church in Mongolia is young and it is mainly composed of young church members---most are in their teens. Love is obviously seen on their faces that speak about God who gave this promise to His people, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life."

Joshua Shin, Northern Asia-Pacific Division Youth Director

Adventist World Launch

The first edition of the Adventist World has been printed and is being shipped. One million copies in English have been printed. Fifty thousand copies will be distributed throughout the NSD territory.

The new magazine comes with several elements in mind. All articles will be one or two pages in length, except for the cover story, which will run four pages. A focus on informing members about the world church is key, while articles on Adventist heritage, Bible questions and a simple Bible study will also be featured. An effort is being made to find writers from all over the world, in an effort to enhance the international perspective of the magazine.



During August, Dr. William G. Johnsson, Adventist World editor, said, electronic files of the first issue of the Adventist World were transmitted to four different printing presses, located in the United States, Korea and Australia.

Artists drawing for the remodeled fifth floor entrance of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Office complex as one gets off the elevators.



Korea: Adventist Church Spotlited in Public News Media

The Adventist Church was spotlited in news media in Korea during April and May, 2005 after the 2004 centennial celebrations.

April 28, a daily economic newspaper, 'The Herald Business,' told about the Seventh-day Adventists using a whole page. It selected the Adventist church among churches in Korea as an 'Elite Church' for the year 2005.

In an interview with 'The Herald Business,' Pastor Hong, Myung Kwan, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Korea, said, "The Adventists have a strong certainty of faith with one-worldwide unity. It is known that their spiritual lives are rational and reasonable."

'The Herald Business' is one of three nationwide newspapers published by 'Herald Media Inc.: The Herald Business, The Korea Herald, and The Junior Herald. The Herald Business is the successor of 'The Naeway Economic Daily' which was originally launched in 1973, currently ranking in third place among the economic daily newspapers in Korea.



Additionally, in May, the mission and activities of the Adventist Church in Korea as well as the more than 10-million worldwide Adventist Church were featured as the cover story of a monthly magazine, 'Digital Age Korean News.' The magazine noted "The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a worldwide Protestant evangelistic church."

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